

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PRAGMATUS AV, LLC,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) C.A. No. _____
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AASTRA TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED;) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
AASTRA USA, INC,)
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)
Defendants)

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Pragmatus AV, LLC (“Pragmatus”), on personal knowledge as to its own acts, and on information and belief as to all others based on its investigation, alleges as follows against Defendants Aastra Technologies, Ltd. and Aastra USA, Inc.:

INTRODUCTION

1.) This action is brought by Pragmatus against Aastra Technologies, Ltd. and Aastra USA, Inc. (jointly, “Aastra” or “the Defendants”) for Defendant’s infringement of Pragmatus’s patents. In particular, Pragmatus seeks remedies for Defendant’s infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,237,025 (“the 025 Patent”), 6,351,762 (“the 762 Patent”), and 5,896,500 (“the 500

Patent”) (collectively, “the patents-in-suit”).

2.) Each of the patents-in-suit is directed towards collaboration and video conferencing technology, including contact lists, video calling, video chat, text-based chat and other types of communications.

3.) Each of the patents-in-suit is critical to collaboration and video conferencing and has previously been licensed to major collaboration and video conference providers.

4.) For example, Polycom was granted a license to the patents-in-suit for a Twenty Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$27,500,000.00) payment and a broad cross license agreement as described in the Avistar 10K report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5.) Further, Tandberg was granted a license to the patents-in-suit for a Twelve Million Dollar (\$12,000,000.00) payment and a broad cross license agreement as described in the Avistar 10K report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6.) Each of the patents-in-suit has been subject to an extensive reexamination request in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

7.) The '025, '762 and '500 Patent reexamination requests were denied by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PARTIES

8.) Plaintiff Pragmatus is incorporated under the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia and has its principal place of business at 601 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

9.) Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Aastra Technologies, Ltd. has a principle place of business at 155 Snow Blvd., Concord, Ontario Canada, L4K 4N9. Defendant Aastra USA Inc. is a subsidiary of Defendant Aastra Technologies, Ltd. Defendant Aastra USA Inc. is a Delaware limited liability company/corporation. Defendant Aastra USA Inc. has a principal place of business at 2811 Internet Boulevard, Frisco, TX 75034. Defendant Aastra USA Inc. may be served with process by serving its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road Suite 400, Wilmington DE, 19808.

10.) Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Aastra offers videoconferencing services, software and equipment to customers including its ViPR videoconference systems (e.g., the 4000, 5000, and 6000 systems, among others).

11.) Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Aastra designed, made or had made on its behalf, and placed infringing products and/or services into the stream of commerce with the reasonable expectation and/or knowledge that actual or potential ultimate purchasers and users for such products and/or services were located within this judicial district. Pragmatus is informed and believes that Aastra sold, advertised, solicited customers, marketed and distributed its infringing products and/or services in this judicial district.

JURSIDICTION

12.) This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and § 1338(a).

VENUE

13.) Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400 because Aastra has committed acts of infringement in this district and/or is deemed to reside and are incorporated in this district and have purposely availed themselves of the privileges and benefits of the laws of the State of Delaware.

14.) This Court has personal jurisdiction over Aastra because, among other things, Aastra has committed, aided, abetted, contributed, to and/or participated in the commission of acts giving rise to this action within this judicial district and has established minimum contacts within the forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Aastra would not offend traditional notions of fair play and justice. Aastra designed, made or had made on its behalf, and placed infringing products and/or services into the stream of commerce with the reasonable expectation and/or knowledge that actual or potential ultimate purchasers and users for such products and/or

services were located within this judicial district. Aastra sold, advertised, solicited customers, marketed and distributed its infringing products and/or services in this judicial district.

THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

- 15.) Paragraphs 1-14 are reincorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 16.) On May 22, 2001, the '025 Patent, titled "Multimedia Collaboration System" was duly and lawfully issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '025 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 17.) Pragmatus holds all right, title and interest in and to the '025 Patent including the right to sue for and recover all damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.
- 18.) On February 26, 2002 the '762 Patent, titled "Method and System for Log-In-Based Video and Multimedia Calls" was duly and lawfully issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '762 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 19.) Pragmatus holds all right, title and interest in and to the '762 Patent including the right to sue for and recover all damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.
- 20.) On April 20, 1999 the '500 Patent, titled "System for Call Request which Results in First and Second Call Handle Defining Call State Consisting of Active or Hold for its Respective AV Device" was duly and lawfully issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '500 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 21.) Pragmatus holds all right, title and interest in and to the '500 Patent including the right to sue for and recover all damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.

COUNT I
(Infringement of United States Patent No. 6,237,025)

- 22.) Paragraphs 1-21 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 23.) Aastra has and continues to infringe directly one or more claims of the '025

Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or practicing the inventions covered by at least claim 33 of the '025 Patent, including at least by providing video conference services and products.

24.) Aastra has and continues to infringe indirectly one or more claims of the '025 Patent by inducing others to infringe and/or contributing to the infringement by others of at least claim 33 of the '025 Patent, including at least users of Aastra video conference services and products. Aastra has notice and knowledge of its infringement at least via a notice letter sent by Pragmatus, dated October 31, 2011. Aastra's infringement is continuing. See, e.g.,
<http://www.aastrausa.com/>

25.) As a result of Aastra's acts of infringement, Pragmatus has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

COUNT II
(Infringement of United States Patent No. 6,351,762)

26.) Paragraphs 1-21 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.

27.) Aastra has and continues to infringe directly one or more claims of the '762 Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or practicing the inventions covered by at least claim 11 of the '762 Patent, including at least by providing video conference services and products.

28.) Aastra has and continues to infringe indirectly one or more claims of the '762 Patent by inducing others to infringe and/or contributing to the infringement by others of at least claim 11 of the '762 Patent, including at least users of Aastra video conference services and products. Aastra has notice and knowledge of its infringement at least via a notice letter sent by Pragmatus, dated October 31, 2011. Aastra's infringement is continuing. See, e.g.,
<http://www.aastrausa.com/>

29.) As a result of Aastra's acts of infringement, Pragmatus has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

COUNT III
(Infringement of United States Patent No. 5,896,500)

- 30.) Paragraphs 1-21 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 31.) Aastra has and continues to infringe directly one or more claims of the '500 Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or practicing the inventions covered by at least claim 11 of the '500 Patent, including at least by providing video conference services and products.
- 32.) Aastra has and continues to infringe indirectly one or more claims of the '500 Patent by inducing others to infringe and/or contributing to the infringement by others of at least claim 11 of the '500 Patent, including at least users of Aastra video conference services and products. Aastra has notice and knowledge of its infringement at least via a notice letter sent by Pragmatus, dated October 31, 2011. Aastra's infringement is continuing. See, e.g.,
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- 33.) As a result of Aastra's acts of infringement, Pragmatus has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pragmatus hereby demands trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 38(b).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Pragmatus respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendant Aastra as follows:

- a. for judgment that Aastra has infringed one or more claims of United States Patent Nos. 6,237,025; 6,351,762; and 5,896,500;

- b. that United States Patent Nos. 6,237,025, 6,351,762, and 5,896,500 are valid and enforceable;
- c. for damages to be paid by Aastra adequate to compensate Pragmatus for their past infringement and any continuing or future infringement up until the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- d. that this is an exceptional case and awarding Pragmatus its reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- e. for such further relief at law or equity as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 3, 2011

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